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ciated Press News.

CHANCELLOR calls GLADSTONE a politi-

cal pope. Tiers-boom-der-e!

Isn't it rather late in his life to begin

calling Count De Lesseps a swindler?

Now the safe builders are going to com-

bine. It will be a burglar-proof trust,

of course.

That umbrella trust is a timely scheme.

April showers begin to-morrow if they

are on time.

It can't be called singular that the safe

manufacturers should be looking to a

combination.

The Brooklyn "L" roads seem to be

simply all of their unexplained abbrevi-

ation implies.

Lots of people lose their intellectual

bearings in trying to follow up the

Behring Sea business.

Senator STANFORD's standard dollar

speech has a canned California-fruit

flavor to it and that is about all.

The Rubber Trust means to be just

elastic enough to make a snip for the

manufacturers who are in the combine.

We ought to have that Columbian

naval celebration next October. We've

got the water and the ships for it, any-

how.

A regimental dog at Konigsberg has

been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Thanks, cannibally, the dog in re-

turn.

Dr. PARKHURST wants to be a detective.

The dive-keepers would like that, be-

cause then the Doctor might detect so

much.

Pugilist CORBETT had a soda bottle

thrown at him the other night. Bottle-

holders, not bottle-throwers, is what

prize fighters want.

The record-breaking season has begun

for ocean greyhound. It is to be hoped

that nothing but the so frequently ac-

cused record will suffer.

President HARRISON is said to have or-

dered the slaughter of the Silver bill in

the Senate. As the signs go, the opera-

tion will strongly resemble an attempt to

kill a corpse.

The wisdom of M. Bluebeard's course

in killing his various wives before they

were married so bravely on his hands as

to be his late day matrimonial troubles

is demonstrated in the case of Mr. JAMES

TAYLOR, at present in the Tomb. This gentleman is credited with having married sixty-one women, of whom the larger proportion—perhaps all of them—are still alive. Yet he is cheerful. He even expresses a desire to meet some of his earlier wives to talk of bygone days. Mr. TAYLOR is a rare husband—fortunately so for the piece of mind of many an unwary spinster with a bank account.

## PUSH IT THROUGH.

The bill providing for the Constitutional Convention ordered by the people long ago, but strangled by Republican Legislatures, has been reported to the Assembly. Push it through, gentlemen, and you will perform a long neglected duty. When you have held your extraordinary session and made a fair legislative apportionment you will at least be able to point to some things to make amendments for much of the bad conduct attributed to you. A fair census, a new Congressional and legislative apportionment, a Constitutional Convention and the clearing out of the old hold-over State officials in this city and elsewhere, are very creditable as one year's work.

## MORE TIME TO THEIR OWN COURTS, BATHER.

The bill to permit Police Justices to practise law has passed the Senate. The Assembly ought to kill it, although it is not likely to do so. Our Police Justices receive \$10,000 a year. The present law requires them for this to give all their time and service to the business of the Police Courts and the Special Sessions. There is enough for them to do if they performed their work efficiently and thoroughly. But the office has been made a political sinecure. The Judges attend to politics much more diligently than to police business. The cases are rushed through in the morning with a view to despatch rather than to a proper administration of justice.

When the number of Justices through a political "combine" was increased, it was shown how little the Judges did for their liberal salaries and how disgracefully they all shirk police work in order to spend their time running political districts.

Instead of being allowed to practise law the Police Justices ought to be required to give more time to their public duties. If the pending bill goes to the Governor he would do well to kill it in the Executive Chamber.

## THE TOTEN STAK THAT DIDN'T TOT.

There are still critics in the backs of the necks of the handful of New Haven citizens and Yale College boys who believe Prof. TOTEN is a prophet with a protruding eye that penetrates far into futurity. Goose grease and witch hazel have been rubbed liberally into the stiffened vertebrae, but the afflicted New Havenites and Yaleans still move their heads slowly and carefully when occasion requires, and they have come to regard the spinal fulcrum upon which the skull is propped with almost as much love and veneration as does the man who is about to be hanged. Prof. TOTEN himself is feeling a little sore under the rear wall of his collar. He experiences a strange suspicion of ossification behind and below his ears; his medulla oblongata and sacrum can now salute each other only in the most stifled and dignified way.

This luncheon of the Toten and Totenites was brought about by the widely advertised Toten star, that refused to Tot, as per schedule, last Tuesday. "The long-sought star hiding behind the sun" is the way the Professor had labelled it. If the mystic and momentous twinkler had had the slightest respect for its discoverer it would have emerged from its place of solar concealment and given him and his disciples a comforting blink or two at least at the time announced in the small bills for the performance to begin. But it didn't, and the Totenites who gazed all of Tuesday through smoked glass at the sun simply got it in the neck, to use a Fourth Ward technical phrase.

The appearance of the star was to mark the beginning of the last week of Anti-Christ and the initial day of the final seven years of judgment or something of that sort. Prof. TOTEN discovered this when he Ignatius-Donnellyed the Bible and abstracted a broadsheet cipher from it, which showed that we and this world of ours were the purloins of the hitherto unarithmetical hence. The star and the cipher haven't "gone" so far, and Anti-Christ must be in a wild state of excitement somewhere waiting for his last week to begin. This show was a brilliant disappointment all around, and the Totenites have a lot of second-hand smoked glass and a nice assortment of inflexible handle-with-care necks for sale at prices within the reach of all. The smoked glass will be offered at sacrifice, because it is understood that New Haven astronomers will look for Prof. TOTEN's sun-hidden star through smoked hams.

## A GRANDMOTHER AND A ROMANCE.

Blessed be the grandmothers! So the whole race of men has cause to cry out. And an especially fervent "Amen" may be expected, just at this time, from down the Scranton way. If anybody asks why, the answer will involve the telling of a pretty little romance; which is perfectly proper, as the romance was never yet injured by such a relation.

In certain songs of the day the grandmother is pictured too closely and too exclusively as the occupant of "an old-fashioned rocker," from the depths of which, in some snug corner, she spins quaint yarns for the delectation of the household's younger members. The old lady's real source of usefulness does not begin to be indicated in such terms and conditions, as the Scranton story will plainly show.

There came into the little tale, as chief figures besides the grandma, a pair of youthful lovers and a pair of objecting parents. The old lady had a keen and watchful eye on all parties. She had also a very sharp taste for the romantic aspect of the family complications, and even before her granddaughter tearfully asked her advice she had resolved to devote her best efforts to the smoothing of true love's course.

It is necessary to understand that this grandmother, too, had her little romance. She had loved a man away and had never

had cause to regret her choice. For it will happen that way, sometimes, despite the dreadful moral of some story books. And the old lady was a diplomat. She persuaded the stern parents that their daughter needed a change. The girl was sent on a visit to friends in New York State, whither she went with a strange smile and a heart not a little perturbed.

The grandmother smiled also, but her old heart beat very evenly, and when she had whispered a word or two to the young man in the case she smiled again. Her whisper went to the same day it reached the young man's ear. The town to which the young woman had gone had another visitor before many hours had gone by, and presently it had besides a quiet little wedding.

A pleasant story so far, indeed, and not less pleasant in the ending, for when the blushing couple came back the angry father first stormed and then forgave, and now all is well and everybody is happy. Hence, again: Blessed be the grandmothers, and especially this grandmother and all like her.

## CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

The expediency of abolishing capital punishment in this State and of substituting life imprisonment as the penalty for murder has been frequently and thoroughly discussed time and again by the press. The subject is once more brought to the surface by the progress of the bill in the Assembly providing for such a change in the criminal laws.

There will always be wide differences of opinion on this question. The opponents of the death penalty are actuated in their views in a great measure by sentimentality, and are doubtless honest in the conviction that even the law has no right to take human life. Practical men, however, consider that wisest humanity is in protecting the people and not in acting tenderly towards a murderer. They view the question only from one point—would life imprisonment be as effective as the death penalty in checking the crime of murder?

It is certain that men never despair of regaining their liberty when sentenced to perpetual imprisonment. "While there is life there is hope," and does not the existence of hope make life imprisonment much less a terror than death to the murderer? But why should the proposed change be made? Is it expedient in these days of crankism and fanaticism to interfere so radically with our criminal laws?

## WHY, THEN, THIS OPPOSITION?

According to the eloquent and persuasive Mr. JOSEPH H. CHASE, who appeared before the Legislative Committee at Albany yesterday to oppose the bill creating a commission in this city to investigate and regulate telephone charges, there is no dissatisfaction with the present charges among the subscribers. The learned counsel, indeed, "challenged" the production of a single subscriber. The whole "army of martyrs," according to Mr. CHASE, bear with meekness the annoyances of crossed wires, cutting-ins and cutting-outs to which telephoners are subjected and pay the charges of the companies with cheerful alacrity.

"Hello! Mr. Chase; is that you?" "Hello! Don't you think you are mistaken?" "Can it really be true that our people are so philanthropic and liberal as to willingly pay in New York four or five times as much for a service as is paid in other cities? Besides, if the subscribers, who number over 9,000, without counting those who have private wires, are so entirely satisfied, and the charges are so reasonable and fair, why should Mr. Chase's clients object to a commission which would be sure to speedily discover those facts?"

The bill does not interfere with the present rates. It simply provides a commission to investigate the service and regulate the charges. The telephone companies enjoy valuable privileges in running their wires through the city. They pay nothing for such privileges, and they are bound to give the people the benefit of this means of communication at as low a cost as possible. The use of the telephone in business is of great advantage, and the lower the rates the more general will be its use. High rates operate as a monopoly, excluding from the benefit of the service business men of limited means, and confining its use to the rich. The Malone bill ought to become a law. If it is a "strike" it is a very poor one, for only the telephone companies would pay to defeat the bill, and if they have nothing to hide or to fear they can keep their money in their pockets and let it go to the Governor.

Chicago negroes refuse to sing "America" until this is made a real "sweet land of liberty." An English negro leads a delegation of workmen to demand employment from a Corporation Board. A New York negro sues a theatre manager for \$10,000 for the refusal of the manager's clerk to sell him a parquet seat. Is there to be a general advance along the color line?

Now comes an inventor who claims to strike fog by time lightning and disperse it, entirely clearing for a time an area proportionate to the intensity of the electrical discharge. If he can give Lon-

don a good view of itself on a foggy day, or even clear the mists from the New York Central's Fourth Avenue tunnel, he will speedily become a magnate.

It is a splendid Democratic campaign in Rhode Island—a campaign of education and enthusiasm, and, by present promise, to be rounded off with a fine victory. Ex-President CLEVELAND will speak in Providence Saturday, and it is to be hoped that the plans for a joint debate between the Ohio plans, ex-Gov. CAMPBELL, Gov. McKINNEY, on the same day, will be carried to a successful issue. This World is doing yeoman's service in the canvass, and to its efforts is due much of the Democratic enthusiasm in the struggle.

Train robbery is a comparatively new industry in New Jersey, and it doesn't promise well. One of a gang working on the Erie road has been shot and four have been taken as prisoners. A little good work of discouragement like this will soon stop the business.

The Grant Monument movement looks like business, as it should, seeing that it is conducted by business men. Not only were subscription books opened yesterday, but large subscriptions were made. Sentiment talks of monuments; money builds them.

First it was a wife murderer in Pennsylvania who was willing to be hanged. Now it is a slayer of wife and children in Ohio who expresses his concurrence with the law's decree. Undoubtedly a strong popular sentiment is exactly struck in both cases.

A ninety-year-old Massachusetts man ran away from his wife, whom he married eight years ago, because he feared his life was in danger. This nonagenarian would have no business in THE EVENING WORLD's wife managing contest.

Kentucky Republicans have declared in favor of HARRISON. Now, if Pennsylvania Democrats will unite in swinging their hats for HILL or CLEVELAND, there should be great consternation in both political parties.

What the Russians imagine to be German war balloons over the forts and encampments of Poland may be simply a few of King WILLIAM's speeches that have broken loose from their moorings.

Floods of rain in the Northwest have ruined thousands of bushels of wheat, and still there is more than plenty for this land. It is worth while to have a country of great things.

The Schweinfurth apostle who thought he would never die is better off in the undertaker's hands than elsewhere.

## Activity that Kills.

(From the Chicago Post.) It is a sure sign: When a Chicago man pauses at a crossing to allow a wagon to pass instead of dashing across in front of it he is not feeling well.

## Shortens Their Joy.

(From the Kansas City Star.) There is great rejoicing at Yale over the abdication of Lieut. Toten. The University has no sort of use for a man who predicts the end of the world while Harvard has the prestige of the last victory at New London.

## WORLDLINGS.

Two of the leading American manufacturers of brass band instruments are situated in Indiana, where they were once known as the State was young and sparsely settled. Miss Minnie Wassamaker, the Postmaster-General's daughter, is a tall and graceful blonde, with manners so pleasing that they make her a great favorite in Washington society.

Mrs. Morton is said to spend as much money on her gowns as any other woman in the capital, and her costumes are noted for their elegance. Few patents are granted to Misses in proportion to population than to the citizens of any other State in the Union.

The remarkable statement is made that there are only 510 Roman Catholics in Sweden, out of a population of 4,774,409.

## VAGRANT VERSES.

### A Bonedown.

My sweetheart smiled: "The hour was late, Yet still we lingered at the gate. And talked of love, and o'er and o'er, And little love looked at the door. And placed me in the lands of fate. The old gate groaned beneath my weight, And I, through love, grew meditative. Strange as I really stood, the more My sweetheart smiled."

### A Life Sketch.

Just a baby, eyes of blue, Cuddling smiles and dimples, too. Just a boy, full of play, Head so light, spirit so gay. Just a lover, whirling round, Off-told tales of long ago. Now a father watching o'er Little ones about his door. Now gray hairs begin to show; Wrinkles deepen on his brow. Telling step and eye that's dim Tell how time has dealt with him. Telling bells and funeral scene Drop the curtain on his life. —Chicago Inter Ocean.

### Too Previous.

Upon the strength of two jack pots He boasts his wife a gown, But he kicked himself for doing this The next time he sat down. —Clink Review.

# Royal Baking Powder.

[Extract from Marion Harland's Letter to the Royal Baking Powder Co.]

It is an act of simple justice and also a pleasure to recommend it unqualifiedly to American housewives.

Marion Harland.

## THE GLEANER.

Miss Helen Gould has now three lovers who are inmates of the insane asylum. The cracks seem to be determined to get their chuckles on the Wizard's millions by hook or by crook.

Society is doing all it can to console Mr. J. Coleman Drayton in his trouble. He has "dined out" every night since he returned to New York, and is said to have more invitations from the representatives of the "inner circle" than he can attend to. He is a queer sort of a chap to make a hero of.

I dropped into Madison Square Garden Concert Hall, yesterday, and had my eyes gladdened by the beautiful exhibition of fancy articles made there under the auspices of the Woman's Exchange. This Exchange is a mart for the encouragement and development of artistic taste and skill among women. Here their exquisite wares are sold. Mrs. Wm. A. Chase, the founder of the Exchange, at Tuesday's exhibition Carmelita danced. Yesterday the Romanys and Kovas were the extra attractions. The hall will be open in the evening.

It looks as if the timely interposition of Sergeant-At-Arms Redmond, of the Maynard Investigating Committee, at Albany yesterday, when young Mr. Peckham and District-Attorney Hildway began to boll over, prevented what might otherwise have been an exciting heavy-weight scuffling match.

Valero, the little Spanish tenor, gets his peculiar vocal style from Tambrilk, the once famous singer, whose pupil he was.

It appears from his own statements that Congressman "Tim" Campbell and ex-Alderman "Tommy" Smith have established a sort of reciprocity treaty. Mr. Smith attends all the funerals in the Congressman's district, and the latter feels in duty bound to return the compliment whenever any one of the ex-Alderman's friends dies.

Isn't it a little strange that Col. Tom Ochiltree, while professing the utmost sympathy and regard for the lady whose name has been dragged in the mire, should have been the person directly responsible for the publication of the Drayton-Borrowe scandal.

The \$12.94 which Lawyer Frederic R. Coudert received as his witness fees for attending the Senate Committee's investigation in Albany is probably the slimmest pay the distinguished counsel has collected for three days' hard work in many a long year.

Among the recently elected members of the Aldine Club are W. Lewis Fraser, James Thomas Harper, Julian Ralph, Charles A. Watrous, Colin Armstrong, Charles de Kay and George H. Gibson, all formerly members of the Fellowship.

Dr. H. Holbrook Curtis, who enjoys the distinction of having treated the throats of some of the most noted prima donnas and operatic tenors who have come to these parts, is a great lover of music and an able critic.

I saw a picture of Playwright Gus Thomas's new \$10,000 house at New Rochelle in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The house represents Gus's royalties from his first great success, "Alabama." The play paid him nearly \$1,000 a week. He ought to call his villa the Alabama Claim.

## PATTI.

Patti returned to opera last night and appeared in "La Traviata" at the Metropolitan Opera House. There was a great rush to hear her, for people seem to imagine that Patti's voice cannot possibly last much longer and that it would be a dreadful thing not to have listened to her farewell. Cheer up, ye loyal ones. Patti will sing for some years to come, probably until every vestige of voice has left her. The people of the operatic stage never hear of the judgment of Patti. Lytton to retire while the plaudits of the public are still ringing in their ears.

The audience last night was a peculiar one. It was not an assembly of music lovers, but such a gathering as would go to gaze at Todd, the two-headed boy, if Todd charged a little money as he does at present. Patti is now a "diva" in the true sense of the word, and she is a wonderful vocal curiosity, more so than any other singer of her time. Her voice is a perfect melody, and she is a perfect artist. She is a perfect actress, and she is a perfect singer. She is a perfect woman, and she is a perfect creature. She is a perfect being, and she is a perfect soul.

At the end of the third act she sang "Home, Sweet Home," with the pretty pathos of a woman who has been through a great deal of trouble. She sang it with a voice that was full of feeling, and she sang it with a face that was full of expression. She sang it with a heart that was full of love, and she sang it with a soul that was full of truth.

Patti's support was somewhat feeble. Valero made a fair allround. Her voice suggested that of Tamargo after Tamargo had emerged from a Russian bath. His Klein, according to the programme, was Flora. If Miss Klein sang, however, the writer did not hear her. He heard a few murmurs, as though somebody were trying to sing. This may have been Miss Klein. Del Puente was German and Miss. Hammerstein Anna.

How Mean Some Men Are. He—Brown? Oh, yes, he's a great scholar. He's forever studying; studying the race problem.

She—You don't tell me! I never would have thought so. What race is he most given to the study of? He—The horse race.

When Virtue curls her lip At an erring sister's smirk, Something's loose.

Perhaps a mother mourned In the home this girl adored Ere she fell! Oh, be merciful ye proud; Your heads also may be bowed, Who can tell.

A Visual Felling. (From Judge.) "I tried to get your father to endorse a small note for me to-day," said Mr. Hojak to his wife, "but he couldn't see it."

"Poor papa has become quite near-sighted lately," replied Mrs. Hojak.

His Only Chance. (From Judge.) "I can't make a living for myself and wife here in New York," said the young man.

"Why don't you go West?" "What for?" "A divorce."

Had His Eye on Something. (From the Cleveland Herald.) "My daughter," said the loving father, with perhaps a shade of harshness in his voice, "what does that young man who calls on you every evening in a dress suit do for a living?"

"He hasn't determined yet, father," replied the fair girl, with a glad look in her eyes, "but he is thinking something of getting a position as life companion to a young lady."

It's a fact. The Table d'Hôte dinner for the 24 THE COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION, State St. N. Y. the best in the city. Charming menu. 11 P. M.

ASK FOR "DUOX."

## TO MAKE HOME HAPPY.

And Cause Blessings to Shine on Every Family's Hearth.

That Is the Object of the Wife-Management Discussion.

Many More Interesting Letters to the "Evening World."

A recipe for making homes happy is what every letter sent to THE EVENING WORLD in the wife-management contest really is. For certainly where the husband wife are in harmony, peace and joy will prevail around the hearth, and the blessings of perfect domesticity will shine. The suggestions are all valuable and should be preserved and studied by wives and husbands.

Conditions. THE EVENING WORLD will give a gold double eagle to the writer who shows best "How to Manage a Wife." The plan must be contained in two hundred words, written on one side of the paper, have the writer's name and address (not necessarily for publication), and be directed to Wm. Editor, THE EVENING WORLD, P. O. Box 2,354.

She Wants a Post. To the Editor: In reading over the many answers to the question, "How to Manage a Wife," the only one that has really suited me (I am a woman, you know) and tells how to manage one, is that of J.